

# **Claude G. Bowers collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Claude G. Bowers collection
<b>Date</b>	1922/12/06-1927/12/20
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S148

### Preferred Citation

Claude G. Bowers collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Claude Gernade Bowers was born on November 20, 1879 in Westfield, Indiana to Lewis and Juliet Bowers. He was graduated from public high school and received honorary degrees from various colleges and universities, including an honorary doctorate from Indiana University in 1954. In 1901 and 1902 he was an editorial writer for the *Indianapolis Sentinel* and from 1903 to 1906 for the *Terre Haute Star*.

He married Sybil McCaslin on November 29, 1911 and they had one child, Patricia. He was the secretary to Senator John W. Kern from 1911-1917. He was the editor of the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* from 1917-1923. He was an editorial writer for the *New York World* from 1923-1931, when he became a political columnist for the *New York Journal*. He delivered the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in 1928. He was the ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Spain from 1933-1939 and became ambassador to Chile in 1928. He was the author of a number of books, including the posthumous *Chile through Embassy Windows*. He died on January 21, 1958 in New York.

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Ancestry.com. "Bowers, Claude G." *Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941*. Retrieved 2013/09/03. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Thompson, Donald Eugene, and R.E. Banta. "Bowers, Claude G." In *Indiana Authors and their books, 1816-1916: biographical sketches of authors who published during the first century of Indiana statehood, with lists of their books*. Crawfordsville, IN: Wabash College, 1949), 39.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes a typed copy of a letter from an unknown sender to Houghton Mifflin Company in Boston, Massachusetts on December 6, 1922 praising Claude G. Bowers' book, *Party Battles of the Jackson Period* and two typed, signed letters from Claude G. Bowers to the Indiana State Library regarding his manuscript of "Jefferson and Hamilton" and his research on politicians from 1865-1877.

## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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**Genre(s)**

- Correspondence

**Personal Name(s)**

- Bowers, Claude Gernade, 1879-1958

**Subject(s)**

- Authors and publishers
- Authors--American--Indiana--20th century